Delay in completion of Golden Quadrilaterial

426. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor performance of some contractors have resulted in delay in the completion of Golden Quadrilateral project;

(b) if so, the details of such contractors;

(c) the steps/action taken by Government against such contractors;

(d) whether Government propose to set targets for contractors before awarding contracts;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) A reveiw of performance of various contractors implementing ongoing contracts including contracts of Golden Quadrilateral has been undertaken where the progress was slow and seventeen contractors have been declared "non-performing" and debarred for award of any future contracts until such time as their performance improves.

(d) to (f) Yes, Sir. The sectional targets are set before awarding contracts which are to be achieved under the provisions of contract agreement. There is provision of liquidated lamages in case those are not achieved by the contractors as per the stipulated time period in the contract agreement.

Slow traffic on National Highway No. 1

†427. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that movement of traffic on National Highway No. 1 passing through outskirts of Ludhiana is extremely slow, practically throughout the day and road users suffer inspite of paying toll tax for that stretch;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to construct a flyover on the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.